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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A rifle, comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath;

a latch and a recess disposed in said barrel sleeve for receiving said latch;

The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

the recess being disposed on the circumference of the barrel sleeve; and

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said latch including a latch head for locking the barrel sleeve to the housing sheath, said latch being slidable across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath and said latch head being insertable in said recess in the barrel sleeve.

7. (Currently Amended) A rifle, comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath:

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath:

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath:

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve:

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath:

a latch and a recess in said barrel sleeve for receiving said latch:

said latch including a latch head for locking the barrel sleeve to the housing sheath, said latch being slidable across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath and said latch head being insertable in said recess in the barrel sleeve; and

The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

the latch head being adapted for disengaging the recess against the bias of a spring.

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8. (Currently Amended) A rifle, comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath;

a latch and a recess in said barrel sleeve for receiving said latch;

said latch including a latch head for locking the barrel sleeve to the housing sheath, said latch being slidable across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath and said latch head being insertable in said recess in the barrel sleeve; and

The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

the latch head having has a slant, said slant being disposed in the direction of insertion of the barrel into the housing.

9. (Currently Amended) A rifle, comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

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a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath;

the barrel having a forearm, the forearm being fastened to the barrel; and

The rifle according to claim 4, further comprising:

a bolt guidance being disposed between the forearm and the stock.

10. (Previously Presented) A rifle comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath;

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the rifle further comprising a latch and a recess in the barrel sleeve for receiving the latch, the latch having a latch head for locking the sleeve of the barrel to the housing sheath, the latch being slidable across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath; and

the recess being disposed on the circumference of the barrel sleeve.

11. (Previously Presented) A rifle comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath,

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath, the barrel having a forearm, the forearm being fastened to the barrel; and

the rifle further comprising a bolt guidance between the forearm and the stock.